Forest Service

Williams Ranger District

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Date: September 2, 2012

Dear interested public,

The Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest is proposing to plant native trees, preparation of site and provide browsing protection for planted trees on approximately 300 acres within the Eagle Rock Wildfire burn area. Our effects analysis indicates that there are "no extraordinary circumstances". As a result, we anticipate that this project will be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement under 36 CFR 220.6(e)(5) "Regeneration of an area to native tree species". A copy of the proposed action is enclosed.

The Forest Service's notice, comment and appeal regulations provide the opportunity to comment on proposed actions prior to decision. This notice announces both the scoping, and 30-day notice and comment period. Only those who provide comments or otherwise express interest on the proposed action during this comment period will be eligible as appellants. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days after the required legal notice is published in the Arizona Daily Sun. The publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit comments on the proposed action. Comment must be submitted to:

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Comments may be submitted by email in word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hyperlinked markup language (.html) to comments-southwestern-kaibab-williams@fs.fed.us. Hand delivered comments may be submitted to the Kaibab National Forest, Williams Ranger District, 8:00 to 4:30, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Those who provide comments or otherwise express interest during this comment period are eligible to appeal the decision under 36 CFR 215. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to so before the end of the comment period. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide the following information:

- 1. Name and address;
- 2. Title of the proposed action;
- 3. Specific comments or expressed interest;
- 4. Signature or other verification of identity upon request.





For multiple names or multiple organizations, a signature must be provided for the individual authorized to represent each organization, or for each individual wishing to have appeal eligibility. Comments received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. Individual members of organizations must submit their own comments to meet the requirements of appeal eligibility as an individual.

We welcome your comments, concerns, and suggestions about this proposal. Comments should be as fully formed as possible to assist us in understanding any issues. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who commented, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

/s/Martie Schramm MARTIE SCHRAMM District Ranger